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of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade in 1945-46 caused confusion as to the disposal of war reparations taken from East Germany and Japan. As much as 35% of the loot taken was never used because the machinery and other items could not be adapted for use in the USSR. Source saw much of this material rusting on railway station platforms throughout the USSR.

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2. Source has confirmed tentatively the information provided by the Soviet defector from Europe concerning the recently organized Soviet Committee of State Security (KGB). Although Source does not have the first-hand knowledge on this topic that the other defector possesses, he believes that foreign intelligence and domestic security have been placed under a committee (instead of a ministry) for two reasons: economy, and to disabuse the Soviet peoples of any notion that the old MGB-MVD (responsible for the unsavory "doctor's plot") has been restored.

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REPORTING OFFICER'S COMMENT:

The defector is currently vacationing in a different part of the country.

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ATTACHMENT 2

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- 1. Source has stated that a major reason for the new Soviet state security agency (KGB), being designated a Committee, is undoubtedly the desire on the part of MALENKOV to place it under the direct control of the Council of Ministers, and thus under control of himself as the Chairman of the Council. The new KGB will have considerably less independence than was the case with MGB-MVD. Another reason for KGB being a Committee may be the desire on the part of the regime to demonstrate to their own people and to the rest of the world that the problem of internal security within the Soviet Union has shrunk to a degree that enables it to be handled by a "mere" Committee. (Report in preparation)
- 2. Source has stated that the political prisoners in the Soviet Union are concentrated in about 14 special camps which bear numbered designations not revealing their geographical locations. These camps are situated at Vorkuta, Magadan, north of Novosibirsk, in Central Asia, the Northern Caucasus, and in the Karelo-Finnish Republic. These installations are supervised directly by MVD. (Report in preparation)

REPORTING OFFICER'S COMMENT:

The present finds this defector vacationing away from his usual area of detention.



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